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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67462

Peter William STRATFORD, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/018,783

Group Art Unit: 3731

Confirmation No.: 2024

Examiner: Kevin Thao Truong

Filed: June 12, 2002

For: BALLOON EXPANDABLE STENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

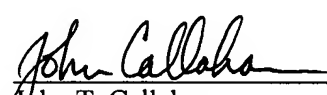
In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated September 30, 2005, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-14, drawn to a kit comprising a balloon catheter with stent mounted on its distal end. for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 15-22.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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